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SUBJECT: MACARIO NEW CISL LEADER

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1. THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC
ORIENTED LABOR FEDERATION CISL OPENED A THREE-DAY SESSION
JANUARY 12. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TOOK FORMAL LEAVE
OF BRUNO STORTI WHO HAS RETIRED AS CISL SECRETARY GENERAL
TO ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON
ECONOMICS AND LABOR (CNEL). THE NEW LEADER OF CISL IS
LUIGI MACARIO, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL. MACARIO
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HAS NOT BEEN DESIGNATED SECRETARY GENERAL, BUT WILL ACT
IN THAT CAPACITY UNTIL THE COMING CISL NATIONAL
CONGRESS WHICH WILL BE HELD DURING THE LATTER HALF
OF JUNE, PROBABLY IN ROME.

2. PIERRE CARNITI, CISL NATIONAL SECRETARY AND, ALONG
WITH FRANCO MARINI, A LEADING CONTENDER IN THE STORTI

SUCCESSION SWEEPSTAKES, WAS THWARTED IN AN ATTEMPT TO
CONSTRAIN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO NAME A SUCCESSOR
TO MACARIO AS NUMBER TWO MAN IN CISL.

3. COMMENT: THE FACT THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DID
NOT DESIGNATE MACARIO AS THE NEW SECRETARY GENERAL SUGGESTS
STRONGLY THAT HIS ABILITY TO BE AFFIRMED AS CISL LEADER
AT THE UPCOMING CONGRESS IS IN DOUBT. IT IS WIDELY
BRUITED ABOUT THAT MACARIO IS TOO WELL ACQUAINTED
WITH THE GRAPE AND ALL ITS DERIVATIVES. THE OTHER LOGICAL
CONCLUSION IS THAT CARNITI HAS SUFFERED SOMETHING OF
A SETBACK IN HIS PLANS TO SUCCEED TO THE TOP POST. HE
WAS HOPEFUL OF BEING NAMED PROVISORY DEPUTY SECRETARY
GENERAL, ENABLING HIM TO GO INTO THE CONGRESS WITH A
SUBSTANTIAL ADVANTAGE OVER MARINI. AS IT STANDS, AMRINI
HAS AS GOOD A CHANCE AS ANYONE, WITH NATIONAL
SECRETARY MANLIO SPANDONARO AVAILABLE IN THE WINGS
AS A COMPROMISE CANDIDATE. WE ARE TOLD THAT NATIONAL
SECRETARY MICHELANGELO CIANCAGLINI, TOO, IS SEEKING TO
MEND HIS FENCES WITH THE DC FOR PRESENTATION AS A
COMPROMISE CANDIDATE, THOUGH SPANDONARO WOULD APPEAR TO
ENJOY A SUBSTANTIAL EDGE IN THAT CATEGORY.VOLPE

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